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Applicant:

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VARACTOR DIODES

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Examiner: Scott R. Wilson Group Art Unit: 2826

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Response to Official Action

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to a restriction requirement dated September 25, 2003, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the claims elected. No fee is due by virtue of this election. However, if the PTO decides that a fee is due, please charge Applicants' deposit account, 09-0456.

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The Examiner indicated that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-6, 13 and 14 drawn to a varactor diode, classified in class 257, subclass 595.
- II. Claims 7-12 and 15-17, drawn to a method of forming a varactor diode, classified in class 438, subclass 379.

Applicants elect the claims of Group II, without traverse, directed to a method of forming a varactor diode. Thus, the claims that are readable on the elected species and variations for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable include: claims 7-12 and 15-17.

Also, upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants wish to re-open consideration of claims to additional species and variations which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim as provided by 37 CFR 1.141.

The Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at the number listed below if, in the Examiner's opinion, such a phone conference would aid in furthering the prosecution of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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